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(2) FOLLOWING IS TEXT COMMUNIQUE OF GOC CONCERNING PRESIDENT
NIXON'S APRIL 30 SPEECH:

" IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF APRIL 30, 1970,
PRESIDENT NIXON MADE KNOWN THE IMPORTANT MEASURES WHICH HE HAD

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TAKEN TO COUNTER THE MILITARY AGGRESSION OF NORTH VIETNAM IN LAOS, CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM. ONE OF THESE MEASURES CONCERNS THE AID OF THE US IN THE DEFENSE OF THE NEUTRALITY OF CAMBODIA VIOLATED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SALVATION NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION IN HIS DECISION, THE LEGITIMATE EXPRESSIONS OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE WHO ONLY DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY, INDEPENDENT, AND IN STRICT NEUTRALITY. FOR THIS REASON, THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA (GOC) WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT APPRECIATES THE VIEWS OF PRESIDENT NIXON IN HIS MESSAGE OF APRIL 30 AND EXPRESSES TO HIM ITS GRATITUDE.

IT IS TIME NOW THAT THE OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONS UNDERSTAND THE EXTREMELY SERIOUS SITUATION IN WHICH CAMBODIA FINDS ITSELF AND COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE WHO ARE VICTIMS OF ARMED AGGRESSION. THE GOVERNMENT OF SALVATION RENEWS ON THIS OCCASION ITS APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE MADE APRIL 14, NOTING THAT IT WILL ACCEPT FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES ALL UNCONDITIONAL AND DIPLOMATIC, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
PHNOM PENH, MAY 4, 1970

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TROOPS CLEARING THE REGION OF CHUP. FRIENDLY FORCES, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, WERE REPORTED TO HAVE KILLED 57 AS WELL AS CAPTURING 39 PRISONERS. 8 ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS, 1 60 MM MORTAR, 2 MACHINE GUNS PLUS THREE B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS WERE RECOVERED.

13. IN KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE ON MAY 22, AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, A FRIENDLY LOCAL DEFENSE POSITION AT BALAING WAS HARASSED BY VC/NVA TROOPS. ONE ENEMY WAS KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED AS WELL AS 5 GRENADES AND CLOTHING WERE RECOVERED. FRIENDLY FORCES SUFFERED ONE LIGHTLY WOUNDED.

14. IN RATTANAKIRI PROVINCE COMMUNIQUE REPORTS LIGHT CONTACTS AT LOMPHAT ON MAY 22 AND AT LABANSIEK ON MAY 24. END UNCLASSIFIED.

15. DATT INFORMED THAT SITUATION IN THE ISOLATED LOMPHAT - BUNG LUNG - BA KEV (BOKEO) TRIANGLE IN THE NORTHEAST OF CAMBODIA HAS DETERIORATED. TOWNS OF LOMPHAT AND LABANSIEK ARE AREAS UNDER MOST PRESSURE OF ENEMY FORCES WHO ARE SUPPORTED BY MORTARS. ENEMY AS YET HAS NOT INITIATED AN ALL-OUT ATTACK, BUT PROBING ACTIONS ARE BECOMING MORE NUMEROUS AND WIDESPREAD. PHNOM PENH CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN RADIO CONTACT WITH THE 5TH MILITARY REGION COMMAND POST IN LABANSIEK. ROUTE 19 FROM BA KEV TO THE EAST REMAINS OPEN. THE AIRFIELD AT BUNG LUNG REMAINS IN FRIENDLY HANDS. FOOD IS IN SHORT SUPPLY FOR BOTH CIVILIANS AND MILITARY IN THE ISOLATED AREA; FANK AMMUNITION STOCKS ARE BECOMING ACUTELY SHORT. LIMITED RESUPPLY IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED WITH AVNK C-47 AIRCRAFT.

16. IN OTHER ACTIONS EAST OF THE MEKONG, PREY VENG TOWN RECEIVED SOME HARASSING MORTAR FIRE DURING THE NIGHT OF 24-25 MAY. SVAY RIENG TOWN IN THE PARROT'S BEAK AREA RECEIVED HARASSING SMALL ARMS FIRE DURING SAME NIGHT. SITUATION IN KOMRONG CHAM AREA WAS REPORTED STABILIZED.

17. WEST OF THE MEKONG TWO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. FANK ELEMENTS LOCATED VICINITY PREK KAK (WU 5855) RECEIVED SMALL SCALE PROBING ATTACKS AND HARASSING ACTION DURING THE NIGHT OF 24-25 MAY. LIMITED CONTACT WITH SCATTERED ENEMY ELEMENTS OF UNKNOWN STRENGTHS CONTINUED DURING THE MORNING. FANK PATROL REPULSED VC PATROL WHO APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY BRIDGE ON EDGE OF TOWN OF TANG KRASSANG (WU 0688). AFTER BEING DETECTED VC PATROL DISENGAGED AND ESCAPED TO THE WEST.

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18. LOCAL PRESS COMMENT. LOCAL LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER NOKAR THOM EDITORIAL, DISCUSSES DJAKARTA CONFERENCE IN TERMS OF BEING TOO SLOW, AND ENMESHED IN DIPLOMATIC "RED TAPE", TO COPE WITH SWIFTLY DEVELOPING EVENTS IN CAMBODIA. EDITORIALIST, WRITES THAT CAMBODIA SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT IN THIS BUSINESS-ORIENTED WORLD, NO ONE GIVES AWAY AID FOR NOTHING AND THE COUNTRY SHOULD EXPECT TO HAVE TO BUY WEAPONS. AUTHOR STATES THAT THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS WELL AS CREDIT TERMS FROM FRIENDS COULD UNDERWRITE PURCHASES OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT.

19. SIHANOUK TO VISIT NORTH VIETNAM. FBIS PICKUP OF HANOI BROADCAST MAY 24 INDICATES PRINCE SIHANOUK HAS ACCEPTED NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG'S INVITATION TO VISIT NORTH VIETNAM "IN THE NEAR FUTURE". SIHANOUK ACCEPTED INVITATION AS CAMBODIAN CHIEF OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF FUNK.

20. DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT DUE TO CURRENT PROBLEMS, CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN MINISTERS OF DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE WILL BE DRAWN ONLY FROM CAMBODIAN EMBASSY IN DJAKARTA.

21. MORE JOURNALISTS CAPTURED AND RELEASED BY VC/NVA. UPI STAFFER ROBERT MILLER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TAKEICHI SAWADA, IN ADDITION TO THEIR CAMBODIAN DRIVER, WERE CAPTURED 53 KMS SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH BY NVA FORCES MOVING AWAY FROM ALLIED SWEEP OPERATIONS IN TAKED PROVINCE.

THE NVA, ACCORDING TO MILLER, TREATED THEM COURTEOUSLY, INTERROGATED THEM AND LATER RELEASED THEM, THEIR CAR AND THEIR EQUIPMENT AFTER EIGHT HOURS DETENTION. MILLER INDICATED TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVER-INTERPRETER, A NUMBER OF THE NVA TROOPS SPOKE CAMBODIAN. COMMENT: MAY 24 WAS UNUSUALLY LUCKY DAY FOR FIVE OF PHNOM PENH'S FOREIGN PRESS CORPS WHO ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN THE SAME REGION WERE CAPTURED BY NVA AND RELEASED. IN MILLER'S CASE, IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST ONE OF NVA WANTED TO EXECUTE THE JOURNALISTS OUT OF HAND BUT WAS RESTRAINED BY COOLER HEADS. MILLER AND HIS COMPANIONS SAW NO OTHER PRISONERS DURING THEIR DETENTION.

22. ROK AND GOC TO RENEW RELATIONS. LATEST EDITION OF REALITIES CAMBODGIENNES CARRIES ITEM WHICH STATES THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CAMBODIA WILL RENEW RELATIONS, AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL "IN THE NEAR FUTURE". APPARENTLY DISCUSSED AND DECIDED BILATER-

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